

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of producing packed tofu comprising the sequential steps of:

applying an aqueous ethanol solution or an aqueous solution containing at least one of a magnesium salt and a calcium salt to the inside surface of a container,

filling the container with soybean milk,

sealing the container, and

heating the sealed container to coagulate the soybean milk.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous ethanol solution has a concentration of 0.5% by weight or higher.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous solution is ~~natural~~ water containing a total concentration of 1 ppm of magnesium ions or calcium ions or both.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous solution is sea water ~~from a deep layer~~.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, which further comprises giving impact from the outside of the

container to the sealed container having tofu packed therein after the heat coagulation step.

6. (original) The method according to claim 5, wherein said impact is slapping the container or dropping the container.

7. (currently amended) A method of producing packed tofu which comprises the sequential steps of:

filling a container with soybean milk,
sealing the container,
heating the sealed container to coagulate the soybean milk, and
dropping the container.

8. (canceled)

9. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein prior to said filling step, there is a step of applying an aqueous solution comprising at least one of a magnesium salt and a calcium salt to an interior surface of the container.